

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE
25-DAY RULE FOR REFRAD OF SOLDIERS WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL
CONDITIONS

1. Applicability. This rule applies to Reserve Component (RC) and Title 32 Army National Guard Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers who are being mobilized in support of contingency operations.

a. 25-day rule does not apply to Soldiers in the following categories:

- (1) Regular Army Soldiers assigned to RC units.
- (2) Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers in Title 10 status.
- (3) RC Soldiers injured in the line of duty after mobilization (M date).

2. General.

a. Determination of disqualifying pre-existing medical conditions must be identified within the first 25-days of mobilization (Army guidance). Clock starts when Soldier reports to home station (M date).

b. Soldiers identified in the first 25-days as having a pre-existing medical condition that renders the individual non-deployable may be released from active duty (REFRAD) immediately.

c. Disqualifying pre-existing medical conditions can be identified by authorized medical personnel at Home Station or at the Mob Station. Pre-existing conditions include temporary and permanent conditions that do not meet medical retention standards (Reference AR 40-501, Chapter 3).

d. Administrative processing of REFRAD orders, soldier out-processing and return to home of record must be completed no later than (NLT) 30-days from soldier's M date.

3. Execution.

a. Unit Commanders.

- (1) Identify soldier(s) with disqualifying pre-existing medical condition prior to reporting to mob station.

(2) Submit written REFRAAD request to HRC-A, ATTN: TAPC-PDZ-B
Provide soldier's name, rank, SSN, unit, mobilization date, REFRAAD date,
and reason for REFRAAD.

(3) REFRAAD, out-process soldier through supporting personnel
center, return soldier to Reserve status NLT 30-days from M date.

b. Mob Station Commanders.

(1) Identify soldier(s) with disqualifying pre-existing medical
condition within the first 25-days of mobilization.

(2) REFRAAD and out-process soldier, return soldier to Reserve
status NLT 30-days from soldier's M date.

4. Special Consideration.

a. RC soldiers on active duty for 30-days or more identified as having a
pre-existing medical condition that renders them not meeting medical retention
standards are required to undergo Medical Evaluation Board / Physical
Evaluation Board (MEB/PEB) processing prior to REFRAAD.

b. In certain circumstances RC soldiers can be placed in medical hold,
receive treatment, returned to duty, or processed through the Physical Disability
Evaluation System (PDES).